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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY BUNDESTAG

DEPUTY TODENHOFER

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED AN "URGENT" REQUEST TODAY FROM BUNDESTAG DEPUTY JUERGEN TODENHOFER FOR AN UPDATING ON U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COMMUNIST PRESENCE IN AFRICA.

2. TODENHOFER OBSERVED THAT DOD ISSUED, JANUARY 29, A LIST OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF RUSSIAN AND/OR CUBAN ADVISERS AND TROOPS ARE PRESENTLY STATIONED. THIS LIST WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED AS AN ANNEX TO AN FRG GOVERNMENT NEWS BULLETIN ABOUT THAT TIME, BUT, ACCORDING TO TODENHOFER, IT RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION. HE WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED OF ANY OFFICIAL UPDATING OF THIS LIST BY THE PENTAGON. HE ASKED ALSO FOR ANY MORE DETAILED BACKGROUND INFORMATION WHICH WE COULD PROVIDE ON THIS PRESENCE AND PROMISED NOT TO REVEAL THE SOURCE, SHOULD THAT BE OUR REQUEST.

3. TODENHOFER IS A YOUNG, AMBITIOUS, AND CONTROVERSIAL MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. HE IS THE CDU SPOKESMAN IN THE BUNDESTAG FOR DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS. AS SUCH, HE IS THE COUNTERPART OF MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC

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COOPERATION EGON BAHR, AN INDIVIDUAL THAT TODENHOFER

CAN NEVER RESIST BAITING WHENEVER GIVEN THE CHANCE.
OPPOSITION TO ANY INDICATION OF FRG ASSISTANCE TO
COUNTRIES IN AFRICA WHERE THERE IS A NOTABLE COMMUNIST
PRESENCE IS TODENHOEFER'S LATEST CRUSADE THEME.

4. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY PUBLIC-
IZED UPDATING OF THE JANUARY 29 PENTAGON LIST, AS RE-
QUESTED BY TODENHOEFER, AND ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND ON
THIS PRESENCE WHICH THE DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE CIRCUM-
STANCES, WOULD FEEL APPROPRIATE TO PASS ON TO HIM.

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